



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday January 24	Monday January 25	Tuesday January 26	Wednesday January 27	Thursday January 28	Friday January 29	Saturday January 30
Third Sunday after the Epiphany Lu-High Sunday 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<i>No Preschool</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i> 7:00 pm Bells	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i> 5:30—7:45 Faith By Heart Jr. Catechesis 5:30 pm 6th, 6 pm 7th, 6:30 pm 8th 6:00 pm LifeLight 6:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm Chapel	<i>Preschool</i> 7:00 pm Parish Ed	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study— 8:00 am Adult Catechesis-10:30

Weekly Divine Service: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Office Hours: 8:15 am—12:15 pm Monday through Friday

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In our Epistle reading for today Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are at their best as God's stewards when they pool their gifts and resources together. An important principle of biblical stewardship is that we are all uniquely singular, and yet also profoundly plural, in terms of our calling to follow Christ. Our lives are not merely solo performances, but also personal responses to God, lived out within a community of faith for the benefit of the world.

CAMP LAKEVIEW

It's time to start thinking about summer camp! On February 1st, **Camp Lakeview** will begin registering campers (grades K-9) for its 2010 summer season. Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy, and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Brochures are available in the narthex. Sign up by calling the Camp Lutherhaven office at (260)636-7101 or contact the camp at camp@lutherhaven.org. No phone registrations will be accepted until 2 weeks after registration opens, so the best way to register is to get the forms ready and mail it in before February 1st. See you at camp!

CROCK POT COOK-OFF

The Crock Pot Cook-Off will be on Sunday, February 28th from noon—2pm. Soup/Stew/Chili/Chowder donations are needed. Our contest has 4 categories: Chili, Stew, Soup and Chowder. We are looking for 20 people to participate by making their best Crock Pot recipe! The whole congregation is invited to be the judges and vote for the best in each class. Prizes will be awarded! We will also offer bread and beverages. If you want to compete with your best recipe please see the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up.

FAITH, FUN, & FOLLIES

Mary Martha Guild is going to have a silent auction at the Faith, Fun, & Follies Talent Show on February 28th. All proceeds will benefit our mission project. We are looking for items to include in the auction. Do you have any Christmas gifts you want to re-gift? Use the sign-up sheet and let us know.

BOARD OF PARISH ED

The Board of Parish Education will be meeting this Thursday, January 28th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1)

Our churches teach that the remembrance of the saints is to be commended in order that we may imitate their faith and good works according to our calling. (Augsburg Confession [21])

“The Lutheran reformers understood that there was great benefit in remembering the saints whom God has given to His Church. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession (article 21) gives three reasons for such honor. First, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church. Second, through such remembrance our faith is strengthened as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. Third, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life...”

Through the various Feasts, Festivals and Commemorations of the Church we remember individuals whose “defense of the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith and/or their virtuous living have caused these individuals to stand out over time as persons worthy of recognition. In every case, the purpose of our remembrance is not that we honor these saints for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ was made manifest to the glory of His holy Name and to the praise of His grace and mercy.” (LSB, p. xii)

In our prayers today, and in the life of the Church this week, we give thanks to God with our remembrance of:

St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor (January 24th) – St. Timothy had Christian believers in his family. His mother: Eunice, was a Christian woman, and she was the daughter of a Christian woman named Lois (2Timothy 1:5). The book of Acts records that St. Paul met Timothy on his second missionary journey and wanted Timothy to continue on with him (see Acts 16:1-3). Over time, Timothy became a dear friend and close associate of Paul, to whom Paul entrusted mission work in Greece and Asia Minor. Timothy was also with Paul in Rome. According to tradition, after Paul’s death Timothy went to Ephesus, where he served as Bishop and was martyred around AD 97. Timothy is best remembered as a faithful companion of Paul, one who rendered great service among the Gentile churches.

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds such as Timothy to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your Means of Grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS (CONT.)

St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor (January 26th) – Titus, like Timothy with whom he is often associated, was a friend and co-worker of St. Paul. Titus was a Gentile, perhaps a native of Antioch, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem when they brought assistance to the Christians in Judea during famine (see Acts 11:29-30 and Galatians 2:1). It is not known if he accompanied Paul on his first or second missionary journeys, but Titus was with him on his third journey, when he helped reconcile the Corinthians to Paul (see 2Corinthians 7:6-7) and assisted with the collection for the church in Jerusalem (2Corinthians 8:3-6). Paul instructed Titus to organize the church on the island of Crete (see Titus 1:4-5), and afterward he is found working in Dalmatia (2Timothy 4:10). According to tradition Titus returned to Crete, where he served as bishop until he died at the end of the first century A.D.

Collect: Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word, so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior: Jesus Christ.

John Chrysostom, Preacher (January 27th) – Given the added name of “Chrysostom,” which means “golden-mouthed” in Greek, St. John was a dominant force in the fourth-century Church. Born in Antioch around the year 347, John was instructed in the Christian Faith by his pious mother: Anthusa. After serving in a number of Christian offices, including acolyte and lector, John was ordained a presbyter and given preaching responsibilities. He was one of the greatest preachers in the history of the Church, and his sermons found an audience well beyond his home town. In 398, John Chrysostom was made Patriarch of Constantinople. His determination to reform the church, court, and city there brought him into conflict with established authorities. Eventually, he was exiled from his adopted city. Although removed from his parishes and people, he continued writing and preaching until the time of his death in 407. It is reported that his final words were: “Glory be to God for all things. Amen.”

Collect: O God, You gave to Your servant John Chrysostom grace to proclaim the Gospel with eloquence and power. As pastor of the great congregations of Antioch and Constantinople, he fearlessly bore reproach for the honor of Your Name. Mercifully grant to all pastors such excellence in preaching and fidelity in ministering Your Word, that Your people shall be partakers of the Divine Nature.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nick Barrett Scott Perkins
 Abigail Miller Deb Kuehn
 Gloria Ochonicky (mother of Karen Ochonicky)
 Jim & Eddie Placke Bev Mearling
 Margaret Gilbert (mother of Deb Engleman)
 Clem Strothmann
 Greg Meyer (brother of David Meyer)
 Deanna Meyer (mother of David Meyer)
 Lester & Carolyn Cook Mike Witte
 Emma McAlister (neighbor of Musch family)
 Michelle Wolfla People in Haiti
 Ryan Rife (sibling of Faith Preschool student)
 Carol Dickmader Pastor Koeneman
Gertrud Lueneberg (Amy Surburg's Grandmother)

Darren Beyer Joshua Utt Rich Thompson
 Kurt Connell Rob Wolfla

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rich Trautmann 1/25
 Alexandria Arthur 1/30

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Doris Bond 1/28
 Dick Stoepelwerth 1/28
 Leigh Barrett 1/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None this week.

Please inform the office if a prayer, baptismal birthday, anniversary or birthday was missed or incorrect this week. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please Contact Ellie Trautmann (861-5083 / email: rtrautmann@aol.com) or Lois Hoff (467-0407 / email: lmhoffs@sbcglobal.net) for prayer requests. You also may call or email the office to have it forwarded.

LOVE INC

As we begin a New Year of service to the community we are seeking new volunteers who can answer phones, work with a computer, and have a compassionate heart that will reach and touch the lives of our community. Our office is now open five days a week, and because our calls have increased, we need 2 additional volunteers on Thursday and Friday. Is God calling you to an act of service this New Year to help care for the needs within Hancock County? If so please call our office @ 468-6300.

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY
 JANUARY 31, 2010**

OrganistRichard Thompson
 Crucifer Thomas Visnack
 AcolytesVictoria Meador & Carson Barrett
 GreetersMax & Marlene Gentry
 Ushers Ben Rice, Matthew Surburg, George Butzin
 Youth Assistant Thomas Visnack
 Altar Guild Karen Roland, Kathy Barrett, Carson Barrett
 Communion Assistant Nick Arthur & Randy Litten
 Elder on Duty Bob Yeager, Jr.
 Sound Rick Riegle
 FellowshipJim & Diane Froiland
 FlowersStan & B.J. Knauff

**RECEIVING IN FAITH
 JANUARY 17, 2010**

**DIVINE SERVICE: 174
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 57**

**RESPONDING IN FAITH
 JANUARY 17, 2010**

Financial:	
General Fund	\$ 3,900.00
Building Fund	\$ 490.00
Loose Cash	\$ 27.94
Children's Sunday School	\$ 7.01
Pre-school	\$ 2.00
Lutheran High School	\$ 1.00
Mid-Week School	\$ 9.21
Bethesda	\$ 1.00
Concordia Historic Institute	\$ 1.00

Total \$ 4,439.16

ASK THE ORGANIST

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION about organ music? Choir music? Handbell music? Or something else about the music programs here at Faith? Submit your question to the church office or to rthompson1891@comcast.net and look for the answer in *Focus on Faith*.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

Come out to Camp Lutherhaven for the March family retreat on March 6 -7. There will be time for your family, hikes, worship, age appropriate Bible studies, and no dishes for the weekend! Sign up by calling the Camp Lutherhaven office at (260) 636-7101 or e-mail the camp at camp@lutherhaven.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

The account of Jesus' rejection in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30) is the Sunday School lesson today. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss how sin blinds our eyes to the Savior and causes us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death. Emphasize that through God's Word and Sacraments we can see and believe in Jesus, who releases us from the bondage of sin. He restores us with forgiveness, life, and salvation.

ADULT STUDIES IN GOD'S WORD

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS Today Pastor O'Connor continues a study of Holy Baptism. Come join us!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of 1 Samuel. Class begins at 9:30; refreshments begin 15 minutes prior to the study.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— This lay led study meets every Saturday at 8:00 am.

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASS—This group meets on Saturday mornings at 10:30 am in the CLC. All are welcome.

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA, INC.

Worship for shut-ins: January 31, 2010 – Luke 4:31-37

"The One on Authority"

by Rev. James Elsner,
Prince of Peace, Hudson, IN

Parents are people in authority. But Jesus is THE One in authority. He breaks the grip that Satan and sin have on your life.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES (LHM)

CATCH THE LUTHERAN HOUR on WLW 700 AM at 7:00am on Sundays. The Lutheran Hour, which began in 1930, is the world's longest running Christian outreach radio program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1.2 million people each week. It is also broadcast on the American Forces Network to reach military personnel and their families around the world. Learn more at www.lutheranhour.org.

MARY/MARTHA LWML



Recipes of Faith cookbooks are still available! Please contact Marianne Marshall at 317-250-7492 or bettylou51@aol.com to get your copy. They are \$10.00 each cash or make checks payable to Mary Martha Guild.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Hancock County Salvation Army Bell Campaign. Because of your help and support, over \$31,000 was raised to help local families and fund year round programs that benefit residents of Hancock County.

Remember to check the flower chart!! There are still several dates available throughout the year. Checks should be made payable to Mary Martha Guild and put in Donna Scott's mailbox. The flowers are \$15 for each vase.

Copies of "Good News," which is no longer in the LWML Quarterly, are now available in the narthex.

FAITH, FUN, AND FOLLIES

The Mary—Martha Guild will once again host a talent show and soup/chili cook-off for members of Faith on February 28th. Start practicing your talent, and trying out those recipes.

We will have a silent auction at the Faith, Fun, & Follies event. All proceeds will benefit our mission project. We are looking for items to include in the auction. Do you have any gifts you want to re-gift? Use the sign-up sheet and let us know.

Serve the Lord with gladness ~ Psalm 100:2

LUTHERAN DISABILITY MINISTRY (LDM)

Lutheran Disability Ministry (LDM) is seeking support for the annual *Food and Wine Fest*. Guests can enjoy the cuisine of top notch area restaurants and sample a variety of fine wines. A popular feature from past years will be both live and silent auctions. The event will be held at *The Mansion at Oak Hill* in Carmel on Sunday, March 7, 2010 beginning at 5:00pm. A limited supply of tickets is available at \$50.00 each. The proceeds benefit LDM HandyCamp, SonRise Retreats, and the renovation of the campsite. For tickets please contact Anne Hartman at home 317-738-2209 or cell phone 317-414-3215. Or, please send an e-mail to achartman@usa.net with a subject line of *LDM Benefit*.

FAMILIES OF FAITH



The Flaugh Family

From left to right — Perry, Steve, Gloria, & Lisa

In 1958 Gloria was born on the army base in Frankfurt, Germany while her father was stationed there. After her father was honorably discharged, the family did some touring all over Europe and then came back to the states to live in Johnstown, PA (in Gloria’s father’s boyhood home) until 1960. They then moved back to live until 1963. After a one year stay in Columbus, Ohio in 1963-1964 (Gloria’s kindergarten year), Gloria’s family moved to Richmond, Indiana. They lived there for 10 years and then moved to Indianapolis in 1974.

Meanwhile, Steve was born in Cleveland, Ohio in November 1961 and lived in a cute little cape cod in Middleburg Heights, Ohio until 1970, when his family moved to Indianapolis. They became members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church on East 38th Street. (That church is no longer there, sadly.)

Gloria’s family started attending Lord of Life in late 1974. Steve and Gloria met in church youth group in 1977, and Steve was in Confirmation class with Gloria’s younger sister.

After dating for 6 years, Steve and Gloria were married in 1984 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. Eventually they added to the family. Lisa was born on New Year’s Eve 1989, and Perry followed on August 19, 1994.

Current activities for the family include large doses of marching band (New Palestine Marching Dragons). Lisa played Marimba and Vibe in the percussion pit, and Perry marches a trumpet. Lisa is now attending IUPUI, majoring in marketing and business. Perry is active in Boy Scouts and is looking to earn the rank of Eagle Scout within the next year or so. The whole family loves to go to the Indiana State Fair every year, and we try to get to the beach every so often; the last visit was to St. Augustine Beach, FL in June 2008.

A miniature dachshund named Snickers completes the family, and actually we shouldn’t leave out the small aquatic frog Perry received as a gift (but mom faithfully feeds) named Frogger.

SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30 pm. The following is a schedule of the dates for the upcoming soup suppers and the groups responsible for the meal that evening:

February 17 th	Mary Martha
February 24 th	Stewardship, Evangelism, & Church Council Officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)
March 3 rd	Choir, Bell Choir, & Altar Guild
March 10 th	Parochial Board, Parish Ed., & Preschool Staff
March 17 th	Elders & Properties
March 24 th	Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Congregation

2010 AT A GLANCE

Faith Lutheran Church Scheduled Council Meetings 2010

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

Faith Lutheran Church Scheduled Voters’ Assemblies

- March 13
- June 13
- September 12
- December 12

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Join us on Saturday, March 20, 2010 in the Grand Hall of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Historic Union Station, Indianapolis for the 28th annual LuFEST celebration! The event features dinner with silent and live auction. New this year – a traveling trophy presented to the congregation with the most reservations at LuFEST. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$800 per table of ten. You may purchase tickets online at www.lhsi.org.

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

The Lutheran High School Association meets Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 pm, in the Hambrock Music Room (room 203) at LHSI. All are welcome; delegates are required to attend.

Placement Test

One more **placement test** is scheduled for any 8th-grader who plans to enroll at LHSI as a freshman – **Saturday, February 6, 10:00 am–1:30 pm**. This test is a requirement for all interested freshmen and is used to determine the student’s schedule for the coming year. There is no charge for this test, but advance registration is required. Please call Margo Korb, 317-787-5474, ext. 211, for more information or to register. A registration form may also be downloaded at www.lhsi.org.

Lutheran High Spirit Day at Max & Erma's is Wednesday, February 10, 11:00 am–10:00 pm. Go to the Greenwood location (8817 US 31 S) and present the coupon to your server. Up to 20% of your lunch, dinner, or carryout sales will benefit our school. The coupon is available to download at www.lhsi.org or pick one up from the information table in the Mary-Martha Commons at LHSI.

New Student Registration at Lutheran High School is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23, 6:00–8:00 pm, in the Commons. Incoming freshmen and other new students and their parents will receive information, have the opportunity to ask questions, and set up a tentative course of study for the coming year.